

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Tues., September 30, 2014; 4:00 - 6:00 PM MST

Information Open House Public Meeting
Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, NE

STP-TMT-RRZ-92-1(121), CN 51250
SCOTTSBLUFF WEST VIADUCT

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) will hold a public information open house regarding a proposed improvement of Nebraska Highway 92 (N-92) in Scotts Bluff County. The meeting will be held at the Gering Civic Center, Chimney Rock Room, 1050 M Street, in Gering, on Tues., September 30th, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M. MST.

Identified as ***Scottsbluff West Viaduct***, the proposed project would reconstruct about .90 miles of N-92; including the construction of a viaduct to replace the existing at-grade rail crossing located approximately 570 feet east of the intersection with Old Oregon Trail, and 3070 feet west of the North Platte River.

The purpose of this project is to eliminate the potential for train-vehicle conflicts at the at-grade crossing of N-92 and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks, reduce the potential for vehicle-vehicle conflicts in the project area, and reduce traffic delays and associated costs. The need for this project is based on potential vehicular/train conflicts, vehicular crashes, and traffic delays.

The project was in development in 2008 when the project was delayed due to funding priorities. The project is now being redeveloped and is back in the planning stage. NDOR has evaluated various options to eliminate this at-grade railroad crossing and the public is being asked to comment on these options.

The re-evaluated and modified alternative designs include “no build” (do nothing and continue to maintain the crossing), build to the north of the existing roadway, build on the current, build to the south, and build on a skewed alignment.

This project may require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW), and temporary easements (TE) for construction throughout the project area. Relocations may be required depending on the alternative selected.

An Environmental Assessment is being prepared to determine the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. There would be the potential for wetland impacts associated with the project, which would be mitigated on-site or at a local wetlands bank. There would also be

potential impacts to threatened and endangered species, cultural resources and any required property acquisitions.

As of this date, construction has not been scheduled but the project is listed in the District’s five-year (2016-2020) program. At the conclusion of the alternatives analysis, if an alternative other than the “no-build” is selected, the project will proceed into the final design phase. A construction letting date will be scheduled based on funding availability and priority.

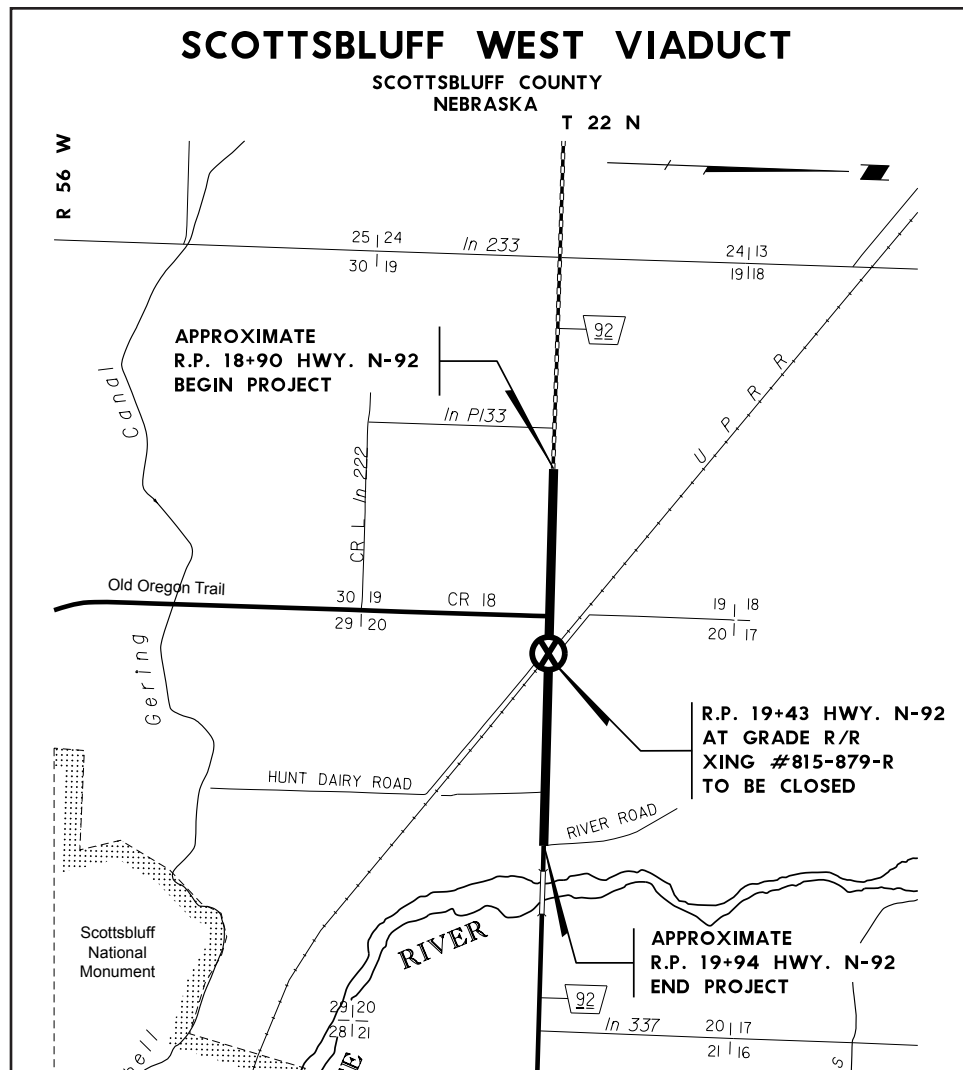
This public open house meeting is being held to provide information regarding the project, currently in the study and preliminary design phase, and to receive the public’s input. All interested persons are invited to attend and present relevant comments and questions. Design information will be displayed and personnel from NDOR will be present to answer questions and receive comments. The information “open house” format allows the public to come at any time during the advertised hours, gather pertinent information about the project, speak one-on-one with project personnel, and leave as they wish. An online open house will be available September 30th through October 15th at www.ScottsbluffWestViaductProject.com.

NDOR will make every reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility for all persons. Appropriate provisions for the hearing and visually challenged or persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) will be made if the Department is notified by September 22nd, 2014. Notification should be submitted to: Sarah Kugler, Public Involvement Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.kugler@nebraska.gov; voice telephone (402)479-4871, TDD telephone (402)479-3834, Fax (402)479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOR website, the day after the meeting, at www.transportation.nebraska.gov/projects/ by clicking on the “Scottsbluff West Viaduct” link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOR Headquarters, 1500 Hwy 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Craig Lind, NDOR District Five Engineer, (308)436-6587, craig.lind@nebraska.gov.

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